SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Floral Street School

SITE-BASED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Professional Development Program Overview 2004-2005

The primary focus of Floral Street School's professional development will be to continue the work of building teachers' capacity to improve student learning through a standards-based approach to assessment and instruction. This focus will guide the faculty's work on the professional development days. In addition, the school will promote a professional learning community model where teachers share effective practices, and a study-group approach will be utilized to engage staff in an examination of research-based best practices. Opportunities for content-specific professional development will be provided, through both district and school offerings.

October 12, 2004

Morning

District-wide offerings

<u>Afternoon</u>

• Teachers who selected one of the field study options will participate for the full day. Specialists will participate in their K-12 department offerings. Remaining classroom teachers will focus on standards-based assessment by reviewing best practices and examining ways in which they can utilize rubrics to gather data and keep records that will help them accurately measure student learning. (E-FSS-1)

January 18, 2005

Morning

• District-wide offerings

<u>Afternoon</u>

• District-wide offerings

November 2, 2004

Morning

• District-wide offerings

<u>Afternoon</u>

• All FSS teachers (including specialists) will participate in a session designed to improve the planning of instruction in a standards-based environment. Teachers will review best practices in this area and also collaborate in the design of lesson and/or unit plans that match local and state learning standards. (E-FSS)

March 28, 2005

Morning

• District-wide offerings

Afternoon

• All FSS teachers (including specialists) will continue the ongoing work to improve planning of instruction in a standards-based environment. Teachers will further review best practices in this area and continue to collaborate in the design of lesson and/or unit plans that match local and state learning standards. (E-FSS)